

Work on the 2007 Farm Bill Rolling Along....In the Right Direction

The House Agriculture Committee is in its third day of debate on the 2007 Farm Bill. Amendments that would have stripped the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) of \$84 million, and combined other key conservation programs were defeated or withdrawn, with **the final package strengthening overall conservation funding**. While not the full farm subsidy payment reforms that AFT has sought, the Committee voted to allow farmers the option of choosing a revenue-based payment option, **or**, payments under the current price-based system. AFT will continue to work with House leadership for more equitable, market oriented policies that meet the needs of farmers, ranchers and consumers. The committee votes on its proposal today, with the full House to vote before August recess.